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## IRISH PACKET IN COLLISION OFF DUBLIN. MISHAP TO L.&N.W.R. STEAMER

In Collision with Trawler off Dublin Bay.

752 PASSENGERS: NO LIVES LOST.

The London and North-Western steamship Rathmore was in collision with a trawler in the early hours of Friday morning shortly after leaving Dublin. The Rathmore has been towed safely into Dublin Bay.

### IRISH SEA COLLISION.

No Loss of Life and Few Injuries.

It is officially stated that there was no loss of life in connection with the collision of the s.s. Rathmore with a minisweeper, and that the casualties were confined to slight injuries to a few passengers. There were 752 passengers, most of whom were women and children, board, but some women and children and 50 crew. Some were thrown into the water when the boats were being lowered owing to the fouling of some ropes, but these were rescued. Passengers are said to have been rowing in boats for some 2 hours before being picked up, as it was feared the Rathmore would founder, but she was able to make port. The attending destroyers took all of the ship attending to those in the boats.

Glenart Castle Protest.

Renter's Agency is informed that the Government has addressed a formal protest to Germany, through the Spanish Government, against the torpedoing by a German submarine of the British hospital ship Glenart Castle on Feb. 26.

### RAID ON HARTLEPOOL.

#### THE GERMAN STORY.

The German official account of the raid on Hartlepool says: "In connection with the raid on the North Sea, German naval aircraft successfully dropped bombs on the harbour and factory buildings at Hartlepool on the night of March 13-14. Notwithstanding anti-aircraft fire, the airship was very damaged at times, the airship was not damaged."

#### ZEPPELS FOILED.

ATTEMPT ON NAPLES FAILS.

A Rome semi-official statement says: "At 10 p.m. on Thursday two enemy airships were observed coming from the direction of the Vesuvius and flying towards Naples. All means of defence were at once put into action, and prevented the enemy from flying over the city, which was not damaged."

### RAIDS INTO GERMANY.

#### ENEMY/REPORT OF 23 ATTACKS DURING FEBRUARY.

"During February the enemy undertook 23 air attacks on the German homeland, 13 of which were directed against industrial districts in Lorraine, Luxembourg, and in the valleys of the Saar and the Moselle. These 23 raids caused no interruption of work, and in the majority of cases the enemy did not inflict any damage, thanks to our anti-aircraft works. Of the remaining 10 attacks three were directed against Treves, one each against Saarbrücken, Mannheim, and Pirmasens. Whilst the enemy was unable to cause any military damage, the damage to houses and private property was in many cases considerable. Twenty-two persons altogether were killed; 15 severely and 21 slightly wounded. One enemy biplane fell into our hands."

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#### U-BOAT THIEVES.

#### SWEDISH TRAWLERS TAKEN TO GERMANY.

The Gothenburg "Shipping Gazette" learns that a number of large Swedish trawlers fishing outside the Skagerrak have been captured by German submarines and forced to go to Germany with their fish. One of the largest Gothenburg steamers was captured by a German ship, and Swedish fisherman report that a very large number of German submarines are operating in the Skagerrak.—Exchange.

ITALIANS OF 18 CALLED UP.

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The war correspondent of the Cologne "Volkszeitung" has had an interview with Marshal Hindenburg and General Ludendorff. Hindenburg said: "The chain with which we were to be strangled has been broken. Now we can turn ourselves with all our forces against the West."

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### WARNING TO HOLLAND.

#### ENTENTE AND USE OF SHIPS IN "DANGER ZONE."

It is understood (wires Reuter from Amsterdam) that the Dutch Government has been informed by the Entente that unless it complies by March 18 with the Entente's demand regarding the employment of Dutch ships in the "danger zone," as well as in the "free zone," measures will have to be adopted to secure the realisation of the Entente's wishes.

### HUNS FOAMING WITH RAGE.

An Exchange message from Copenhagen says the Entente's notice to Holland regarding the Allied use of Dutch ships has thrown the whole German Press into a towering rage, and all the papers demand that Germany should take the most drastic counter-measures against Holland if she gives way to the Allies.

### GERMANY'S FUTURE.

#### KAISER TALKS OF TASKS IN AN ALTERED WORLD.

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### AUSTRIANS MASSING.

#### ATTACK ON ITALY UNDER GERMAN COMMAND.

The correspondent of the "Kölner Volkszeitung" reports that according to information from Innaupeck the concentration of Austrian troops which had been suspended for some days has now been resumed, and the work is proceeding with great intensity. Austrian military critics speak openly of an immediate resumption of the offensive on the Italian front and the sending of reinforcements to the German front in France, where it is asserted that there is a strong force of the Austrian division. The army has been operating in Russia as far as the Volga, and it is expected shortly in the Trentino. It is announced that a great council of war was recently held, and was attended by the Emperor.

### PART OF THE GENERAL PLAN.

#### WALES TROOPS' RAID.

Sir D. Haig's report yesterday states: "Welsh troops carried out a successful raid last night in the neighbourhood of Armentières, and captured fifteen prisoners and two machine-guns. Hostile artillery has been active south-east of Ypres, in the neighbourhood of the Menin Road, and south of Houthulst Forest."

### TRYING IT ON AGAIN.

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### RUSSIAN CORN FOR HUNS

#### THERE MAY BE DISAPPOINTMENT IN GERMANY.

An Amsterdam telegram says: A sombre picture of the prospects of the grain supply from the Ukraine is telegraphed to Thursday morning's "Cologne Gazette" from Berlin. It is evident to moderate men that the Hungarians expect that there are evidently big stores in the Ukraine, this correspondent, who is apparently inspired, urges the people's patience, warns them against exaggerated hopes, and says that political difficulties are still considerable. That certain mistrust of the advancing forces prevails among the population, he says, is not to be wondered at; moreover, there are other difficulties, geographical, for both money and of transport are lacking. Regarding corn stocks the big estates are almost entirely devastated, and only peasants have any stocks. The big estates have been robbed of seed corn."

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### ARTILLERY DUELS.

#### INTERMITTENT CUNFIRE.

The Dutch official yesterday afternoon stated: "There was intermittent artillery activity on the right bank of the Meuse and in the Woëvre. An enemy coup de main in the Fleury sector failed. The night was quiet elsewhere."

### ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

#### ARTILLERY DUELS.

(Admiralty, per Wireless Press.)

The Italian official communiqué yesterday stated: "There was harrassing fire of the opposed artilleries more frequently in the zone north of Poëtella, Villa Piastra and in that south of Zenson. North-east of Castione (Val Lagarina) hostile patrols were sent to fight by our advanced posts. On the Asiago Plateau movements in the rear lines of the enemy were repeatedly disturbed by our bursts of fire."

### TO RESTORE MONARCHY.

#### REPORTED SCHEME HATCHED IN BERLIN.

The Stockholm correspondent of the "Matin" has had an interview with a personage of note with regard to the rumours of the imminent re-establishment of a Constitutional Monarchy in Russia. This gentleman declared that the Germans had liberated certain Party leaders and Grand Dukes. None of these three escaped perished at Persepolis, while others had lost all their officers. The Germans had been sent through a heavy barrage. He immediately engaged the enemy, with such success that he drove them back at least 300 yards and captured 21 prisoners. The following day the enemy again attacked and drove back another company which had lost all its officers. The Germans had once again driven them back again for 300 yards with heavy casualties. Throughout this attack Count Gorchakov, the Russian ambassador to himself, and it was entirely due to his marvellous throwing of bombs that the ground was regained. His superb skill and coolness at a most trying time inspired all who saw him. He was eventually killed by a bomb when the enemy had been driven back to their original starting point.

### TROUBLE IN HUN-FLEET.

#### GERMAN ADMIRAL IN COMMAND OF ODESSA.

Petrograd, Saturday.—The military newspaper, "Krasnaya Armia," reports that "fresh disorders have occurred in the German fleet of the Aaland Islands. The Germans have occupied Ratslafdzhev, a station on the Odessa and Novorossiisk frontier. The German Admiral Siegert has been appointed commandant of Odessa. Following the occupation of Odessa anti-Jewish riots occurred. The Germans have announced that after the ratification of the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, the Germans will be ready to sign under duress, the accuracy of which it refuses to believe, says: "The 'Rheinische Westfaelische Zeitung' says that it is able to prove that Germany and Austria are in a military position, the capacity that the other Entente States cannot evade it."

Hindenburg in the Game.

Marshal von Hindenburg's arrival in Berlin apparently gave rise to the belief in some quarters that the Army Command had decided to renounce the offensive on the Western Front, and to allow moderate views in peace to prevail. The idea gained support from the fact that he was not accompanied by Gen. Ludendorff. The "Tages Zeitung" quotes the "Frankfurter Zeitung," which, alluding to the prevalence of this impression, the accuracy of which it refuses to believe, says: "The 'Rheinische Westfaelische Zeitung' says that it is able to prove that Germany and Austria are in a military position, the capacity that the other Entente States cannot evade it."

### RUMANIA RESISTS.

#### CABINET REFUSES TO SIGN GERMANY'S TERMS.

The Rumanian Cabinet has been unable to accept the criminal peace terms which the enemy are attempting to enforce (says the "Daily Express"), and the Cabinet, headed by General Averescu, who commanded the army, has issued a statement. The dining room is faced with a new situation which necessitates the formation of a Cabinet which will be ready to sign under duress, the conditions which Germany and Austria are in a military position to command.

### TRUCKS IN BELGIUM?

#### U.S. WOULD THEN DECLARE WAR.

The Washington correspondent of the "New York Sun" states that a declaration of war by the United States against Turkey and Bulgaria is highly probable if it develops that these nations have been sending troops to the Western front. The American press have reached America that the Turkish and Bulgarian forces are being moved into Belgium, there to take part in the great offensive that Germany is expected to launch at any moment.

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### ARREST OF PRINCE LYOFF.

The Petrograd Telegraph Agency announces that the ex-Premier Prince Lvoff has been arrested by the commander of the northern front. It will be remembered that a message from Petrograd some days ago reported that Prince Lvoff had established a Government in Pekin.

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## HOSPITAL SHIP ATTACKED.

### ANOTHER GERMAN OUTRAGE IN THE BRISTOL CHANNEL.

The Admiralty announce that H.M. Hospital Ship Guildford Castle (Capt. Thos. M. Lang, R.N.R.), homeward bound, was unsuccessfully attacked by an enemy submarine at the entrance to the Bristol Channel at 5.35 p.m. on March 10.

She was flying the Red Cross flag, and in addition had all her hospital lights on.

#### CAPTAIN'S STORY.

##### SUBMARINE NOT SEEN—A POOL OF OIL.

Capt. Thos. Lang, R.N.R., the captain of the Guildford Castle, told the following story to a Press representative.—"The attack took place off Sandy Island. On account of the low visibility, owing to the time of the low tide, all lights were out, and the largest sized Red Cross flag and special ensign were flying."

**Two Submarines?**

"When the man at the wheel called my attention to the wake of a torpedo, it crossed the stern 30 or 40 yards away at right angles to the ship, and about a minute and a half after we received a very severe blow. I at once told him to put his helm hard astern as I came to the conclusion that two submarines were meeting together. A wireless call was immediately sent out, and we received another from a station known, since it did not give us its signal leaders."

#### "Splendid Discipline."

The ship's staff and the hospital staff at once took up their boat stations, and some men formed a line so that but for this movement they would have been hit amidstships by the second torpedo. Immediately the submarine struck by the splendid discipline of the crew and the R.A.M.C. girls. I had the vessel sounded, and found that we were making no water. Accordingly I held back all boats, and the patients were taken again to the companionways and other places adjacent to the boats, to be handed over to the doctors. We held on our course. At half past one the patients were again taken below and placed in their respective bunks. Without mishap we arrived in Avonmouth on Monday morning. The extent of the damage to the ship is impossible to estimate until she is dry-docked.

#### A Destroyer Attack.

Capt. Lang further said that there was no doubt about the attack being a deliberate one. There were no ships in sight at the time the vessel was struck, and the Guildford Castle was struck, and at 114 knots in slack proceeding at "full boat" added the captain. "A motor boat hauled us to safety. He himself saw nothing of the submarine, but a large pool of oil was visible on the water at the spot from which had been discharged the torpedo which crossed the ship's stern."

#### A Submarine Struck?

The Press Association adds that Capt. Lang said: "The Guildford Castle was struck pretty severely, but we shall not know what struck her until the ship's bottom has been seen. It was a severe blow, and we felt it immediately after the torpedo had passed over our stern." "Do you suppose that you struck a submarine by any chance?" "Well, I cannot answer that. I should very much like to know that myself." "It is impossible" "I can say anything about that, but it is a matter I should like to know. The blow was very severe." "Can you say how far the torpedo was away when you first saw it?" "I should think from 600 to 800 yards on our fore quarter." "Did you see anything of the submarine?" "No, nothing whatever."

viewed at one of the Bristol military hospitals, said the ship left South Africa on Feb. 10 with about 450 wounded who had been in German East Africa, besides whom there were doctors, nurses, ambulance men and crew.

The chief spokesman stated: "All went well until Sunday afternoon, when a German submarine attacked us west of Landy Island. We had tea at 5 o'clock, and this happened about half an hour later. I was in one of the wards and heard a great bang, like one hard beat on a big drum. I went up on deck and found others there already. They had been hit in the port side, and the torpedo which had harmlessly astern, and that the bang I heard was caused by another torpedo striking the ship aft below the water-line on the port side. The torpedo was presumably a 'dud,' because it did not explode, and either embedded itself in the vessel's hull or glanced off after making a big hole, through which water rushed into that part of the ship."

#### Destroyers on the Scene.

When the first torpedo was seen approaching the vessel was slowed round, and some men formed a line so that but for this movement they would have been hit amidstships by the second torpedo. Immediately the submarine attacked the steamer with five torpedoes on the scene within five minutes. Meanwhile the submarine had disappeared. Our boats had been half lowered in readiness, but when it was found that no serious damage had been done the ship was fully speeded and the destroyers not being required.

#### Singing All the Time.

"We reached the port of Avonmouth without further mishap about 11 o'clock on Monday morning, and were brought straight to hospital, where we have received the best of kindness and attention. There was no sign of panic at all, crew, soldiers and all doing what they were told to do. The hospital singing songster of them singing cheerfully all the time."

Others of the wounded added that the men were indignant at this further outrage by a German submarine on a British hospital ship bearing all the usual marks, and also with full lights on, although at the time of attack dusk was only just coming on. Several men said that the distinctly saw first fire of the submarine and afterwards the submarine.

He who saw the Guildford Castle swiftly swerved to avoid the torpedo they lost sight of the enemy vessel. The hospital ship was said to have been so little damaged that she had no difficulty in making port under her own steam. Not a single person was injured so far as anybody knew.

#### 450 WOUNDED ABOARD.

The Guildford Castle is a Union Castle liner of 8,200 tons, built at Glasgow in 1911. She was originally equipped for meat and other cold storage trading. It is stated she was coming home from South Africa with 450 wounded soldiers aboard when she was attacked.

#### "SCRAP OF PAPER."

##### THIRD ATTACK ON RED CROSS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

This is the third time this year that the Huns have deliberately broken their written word not to attack hospital ships travelling from Western and Southern France to the West of England. It was while using this "open route" that the Hun torpedoed the Riva on Jan. 4 in the Bristol Channel, when she was laden with wounded from the Mediterranean. Fortunately all the 550 souls on board were saved, excepting the reception of the Lascars. Less than three days later the Glenart Castle, outward bound with a crew of 120, and 7 R.A.M.C. officers, 8 female nurses, and 47 other R.A.M.C. ranks, was torpedoed and sunk near the same spot, with the loss of all on board except 25 of the crew and four R.A.M.C. officers.

#### NEATLY TRAPPED.

##### TRAFFIC IN ARMY DISCHARGES.

When Chas. Dady, 21, of Charlotte-st., Fitzroy-sq., was charged at Marlborough-st. with unlawfully allowing another person to have possession of his Army discharge certificate, it was the Hon. Col. George Wyatt, of the Canadian militia police, who was in a coffee house, when the prisoner introduced himself as a discharged Australian soldier, and eventually showed him the genuine Army discharge produced, and said he could get him one like it, so that he could get away at any time. It would cost £2 to £3 to £5, and he would want besides would be "a sum of civics." One or two interviews followed, and finally prisoner agreed to sell the original document for £2. The corporal then gave an agreed signal and Det.-sergt. Doud, of Scotland Yard, came up and arrested the man. Upon examination, there was a previous conviction against prisoner for a similar offence. Mr. Denman sentenced prisoner to 6 months' hard labour, saying the maximum penalty provided was not adequate one.

#### THE HUMAN TOUCH IN TRADE.

More of the "human touch" is wanted in business, said Lord Leverhulme, addressing the Institute of Certified Grocers in London. Recalling that he was the son of a grocer, and was apprenticed to the grocery business, he said he was proud of being connected with one of the most ancient businesses in the world. He welcomed the proposed reval and strengthening of the ancient apprenticeship system, and was no doubt that the individual training given by the father or master with expert knowledge, was far more to them than any other experience they had. What was most valuable in this system was the individual human touch. They were becoming far too mechanical. Their businesses in every direction were getting larger, and the shopman might never see the manager.

#### L.C.C. MEMBER'S DEATH.

The death occurred very suddenly at his residence, Burnage, Lawrie Park-avenue, Sydenham, of Mr. Fred H. Carter, one of the 2 representatives of London on the L.C.C. Carter was closely involved in the operations of the tank bank at Cattford, and was one of the deputies which received Sir Edw. Coates when he handed over £83,000 for investment. He was then in his usual healthy and good spirits, and chatted brightly to Sir Edw. and Dr. Umney. Mr. Carter was a member of a London firm of manufacturing chemists.

"Now that all German spas are taboo, may I suggest to you on your Alka Seltzer, which to my mind is the best antacid. The extremely gratifying results are best explained by the following characteristic letter which the famous editor of 'John Bull' wrote to a London firm of manufacturing chemists:

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MARY MCMAHON, Gwen Baggott, Winnie Melville,  
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LYCEUM. **Strand.** **7.45.** **ENTIRELY NEW PLAY.**

SEVEN DAYS LEAVE. **Walter Howard.**

PLAY Produced by Walter and Freda Mettine.

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## OUR HEAVY SHIPPING LOSSES.

## GOVERNMENT TAKING STEPS TO SPEED UP THE OUTPUT.

The Government is tackling at last the question of speeding up the building of merchant ships to replace those sunk by U-boats.

For the recent restricted output on the Clyde and elsewhere the Admiralty blamed both employers and men, who, in turn, say that incompetency and bungling at Whitehall are the root cause of the trouble. Important conferences have been held during the week, and as an outcome important changes in the Admiralty are announced.

## REPLY TO FIRST LORD.

## Whitehall Blamed for the Restricted Output.

The shipping crisis which has arisen in the shipping world with respect to the output of ships is shown by the following figures:

German submarines are sinking ships at a rate of 3,000,000 tons per annum.

At present 900,000 tons this year.

Over 2,000,000 tons under private management.

A total of 2,000,000 tons of shipping were condemned in a year.

While it is admitted we have men,

material, and capacity to meet the submarine danger, it is alleged that through lack of proper organisation—there was no wait for materials;

Labour is not being properly handled;

it is recognised that ships meant

for troops from the front, munitions

of war, and the ultimate

result of the war. In a state-

of the Shipbuilding Employers' Federa-

tion, and the trade unions con-

sidered, reply to the speech by Sir

Bonar Law in the Commons:

"I am willing to do my bit, guv'nor; but you stop those meddling incompetents at Whitehall mucking us about, and you'll soon see the difference."

## THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN.

OVER £138,800,000 SUBSCRIBED.

Last week's War Bond Campaign was a triumph. The grand total of the amount subscribed was £138,870,240.

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## T.B.D.'S THRILLING WORK.

## U-Boats That Dived Too Late.

A special correspondent with a destroyer flotilla furnishes the following thrilling accounts of our destroyers' hunt for U-boats:

At this moment of writing H.M.T.B.D.—is circling round a patch of oil literally bubbling from the depths. Another U-boat will never return to its base. Ten minutes ago a sudden yawning in a heavy swell revealed a periscope at one corner of the tower. T.B.D.—was moving round like mad charger and plunged across the spot where the gaping in the sea had revealed the enemy. She was just too late to ram him. He had scented danger and submerged. But the U-boat's dive was also too late. A sure hand had touched a lever. The sea roared like a Titan in death agony. The stem of a submarine shot momentarily into view in a way that was very familiar to those who had dived before. The sea closed again. "No need to ram him," cheerfully remarked the young gentleman who had pulled the lever. The Sea Service shot him down into the depths.

The campaign has not only been seen in the increasing sales of War Loan bonds, but also in the results obtained in the sales of certificates. To illustrate this, I say that for September the sale of certificates reached £22,000,000. In February the sales amounted to no less than £18,000,000. One result of the campaign last week has been, I think, to make the advantages of investing in War Bonds even more widely known, and I am convinced that it will have a lasting effect.

The weekly issue contribution, which are the best indication of the determination of the country to continue the sustained effort which is necessary to success. (Cheers.)

## EX-PASTOR CHARGED.

## ALLEGED SHEEP STEALING.

David James, formerly pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, and his son George James, 13, of Maester Manor Farm, Velindre, were at Glamorgan Assizes indicted on 5 counts for stealing and receiving sheep. They pleaded not guilty. — Mr. Vaughan Williams, K.C., for the prosecution, said the son was assisted on the farm by his father, who had been serving his sentence in prison, including those of minister, butcher, and farmer. Sheep were missed by 5 farmers and one night Mr. Enoch Jones, a farmer, went after dark to Maester Farm and through the parlour window, with the aid of a candle, saw the skins of 6 sheep lying on the floor. The following night a policeman and another farmer went to the farm, where they found 11 skins. Six of these, it was alleged, bore the marks of neighbouring farmers. — The evidence clearly concerned the identity of the skins, and the hearing was adjourned.

## AN EXPLORER'S DEATH.

News has reached London that Ernest Wild, of the Ross Sea party of the Shackleton Expedition, has met his death in the Mediterranean.

Whilst serving on a minuscule boat Ernest Wild was the brother of Frank Wild, Sir Ernest Shackleton's second in command. He behaved with conspicuous bravery after the Aurora had been blown from her moorings off the Ross Barrier, and it was chief owing to his efforts that the men left behind were saved.

## REGISTER OF THE BLIND.

The Royal Government Board have decided to compile a register of all blind persons—that is, of all persons

who are too blind to perform work for which eyesight is essential.

Circular letters have been addressed to all public health and local education authorities, institutions and societies for the blind, nursing associations, and poor law guardians, asking them to co-operate in forwarding particulars of the blind persons who have

come under their notice.

## CONVICT SHIP SUNK.

Newspapers have been received from New

York that the famous English convict ship *Success* has been sunk by ice at Carrollton, Kentucky, in the course of a tour of the rivers of the United States (says "Lloyd's List"). All the instruments used to punish the convicts were saved, and an attempt will be made to raise the vessel. The *Success* was built in 1850, and the convict service in Australia. She was bought by an exhibition company in 1895, when she was advertised as 105 years old, so that she had been afloat 127 years.

It has been decided to increase the number of candidates for the A.S.E. to 20 nominations, to reach headquarters by April 17.

## MORE RATIONS FOR CHILDREN.

Mr. Clynes, re-purposing that chil-

dren of 10 and upwards, is entitled

to full rations, and admits to the

reduction presses hard upon those

just below the dividing line, and he

will consider how far it will be pos-

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## U-BOAT TOLL.

## 15 LARGE SHIPS SUNK.

Admiralty return of last week's British shipping losses was as follows:

Over 1,600 tons ..... 15

Under 1,600 tons ..... 3

In the previous week the total was the same. The number of large ships sent to the bottom was the largest last week since Jan. 6, while the arrivals and sinkings, 2,046 and 2,062 respectively, were the lowest for many months. Eight ships were unsuccessfully attacked.

## CAPT. FRYATT'S FATE.

## New Story of His Trial and Execution.

A new story has just come to hand of the capture of the s.s. Brussels and the subsequent trial and execution of Capt. Fryatt. It is told by Mr. Fdk. Thurlow, who was chief engineer of the vessel, and had served him from a German submarine camp. Mr. Thurlow described how early in the morning of June 23, 1916, four German torpedo boats bore down on the Brussels and took the steamship to Zeebrugge. Capt. Fryatt was not arrested until the prisoners reached Ruhleben Camp on the 27th. The following Friday he was taken back to Zeebrugge. His fellow-prisoners did not know the reason for this, but suspected that it had some connection with his attempt to ram a German submarine during the month previously.

One result of the campaign last week has been, I think, to make the advantages of investing in War Bonds even more widely known, and I am convinced that it will have a lasting effect.

At the end of the week the German submarine had been destroyed, which was a cut-and-dried affair.

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## TO PREVENT EVICTIONS.

## THE HUNT FOR HOUSES OUT OF RENTAL ZONES.

Complaints have been frequent that well-to-do people living in raided towns are accentuating housing and food difficulties by invading country districts.

One of these evils is dealt with by the Increase of Rent (Amendment) Bill, which was given a second reading in the Lords. The Lord Chancellor explained that persons of means who were leaving London because of air raids were buying houses in the country, and under the original Act were succeeded in doing so.

The present Bill provides that only the lessor or his successor could obtain possession of such premises, and a purchaser would not be able to secure possession by getting round the terms of the Act.

Occupiers of small houses in Chesham, Bucks, are threatened with eviction

because of their houses having been bought up by raiders, and evictions are indicated as being hard to hold.

It is stated that extremely high prices have been paid for such property—in some cases double the actual value.

The Labour party is securing legal aid for the tenants, and has sent a vigorous protest to the L.G.B. as to the unfairness of poor people being subjected to such treatment.

## CONVICT SHIP SUNK.

News has reached London that Ernest Wild, of the Ross Sea party of the Shackleton Expedition, has met his death in the Mediterranean.

Whilst serving on a minuscule boat Ernest Wild was the brother of Frank Wild, Sir Ernest Shackleton's second in command. He behaved with conspicuous bravery after the Aurora had been blown from her moorings off the Ross Barrier, and it was chief owing to his efforts that the men left behind were saved.

## REGISTER OF THE BLIND.

The Royal Government Board have

decided to compile a register of all

blind persons—that is, of all persons

who are too blind to perform work for

which eyesight is essential.

Circular letters have been addressed to all

public health and local education

authorities, institutions and societies

for the blind, nursing associations,

and poor law guardians, asking them

to co-operate in forwarding particulars

of the blind persons who have

come under their notice.

## SELECTED CANDIDATES.

CANNON, Sir Beddoes Ross (R.), presi-

dent, Welsh Free Church Council.

DARKE, Sir Thomas, M.P. (Lab.), former

Unionist agent.

SHEIELDS, S.-COUN. Royce (Lab.).

SWINCHIN, S.—COUN. DR. T. C. Worsfold

(Lab.).

EAST HAM.—COUN. Deacon has withdrawn

in favour of Mr. A. Henderson (Lab.). He

will be opposed by COUN. Taylor (Gen.

Sec., Corporation Workers), and a pro-

motional local candidate.

It has been decided to increase the

number of candidates for the A.S.E. to 20

nominations, to reach headquarters by

April 17.

## WORKERS' EXTRA FOOD ALLOWANCE.

## U.S. MEAT EXPORTS TO THE ALLIES TO BE INCREASED BY 50 PER CENT.

Lord Rhondda's plans for taking over the whole food supply of the country are steadily maturing.

In the meantime the Food Controller announces that heavy workers are to have an extra allowance when the national meat rationing scheme comes into force on April 7. Rationing of bread may be necessary, and a system is ready.

America's meat exports to the Allies are to be increased 50 per cent.

## BACON FROM U.S.

## DOUBLE RATIONS FOR VERY HARD WORKERS.

Lord Rhondda, speaking at the Rotary Club dinner, said Mr. Hoover and the United States had given us splendid help, and thanks to the voluntary efforts of the people there our supplies of bacon were going to be considerably increased. He hoped that in the next few months there would be enough to stop those meddlesome incompetents at Whitehall mucking us about, and you'll soon see the difference."









